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ALTHOUGH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, PRESIDENT SADAT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO US, WE ASSUME ALL OR MOST OF FOLLOWING WILL BE INCLUDED. COMMENTS OFFERED BELOW ARE INTENDED TO ASSIST DEPT IN COMPILING BIO INFORMATION ON THOSE WE ARE FAIRLY SURE OF. AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, WE WILL SEND ON WHAT ADDITIONAL BIO MATERIAL MAY BE NEEDED.

A. PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD ANWAR EL-SADAT IS ADDRESSED AS MR. PRESIDENT. INFORMATION COMPILED BY INR IN BIO SHEET DATED 6 JUNE 1975, STILL STANDS, WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION. SUB-SECTION TITLED "TWILIGHT PRESIDENCY" SHOULD BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH LANGUAGE REFLECTING PRESIDENT'S OBVIOUS DETERMINATION TO ACCEPT NEW TERM OF OFFICE IN OCTOBER 1976 (CAIRO 7599). NOTE SHOULD ALSO BE MADE OF SADAT'S CONCERN AT THE VIOLENCE OF HIS ARAB CRITICS IN AFTERMATH OF SINAI II (CAIRO 8718 AND OTHERS).

B. MRS. JIHAN SADAT, ADDRESSED AS MRS. SADAT. INR'S BIO SHEET OF 30 MAY 1974 SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF HER INTEREST IN POLITICAL AND CIVIC AFFAIRS: SHE WORKS TIRELESSLY FOR HER PET PROJECT, AL-WAFFA' WA AL-'AMAL (FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY),

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THE MEDICAL FACILITY FOR PARAPLEGICS WHICH SHE FOUNDED AFTER

OCTOBER WAR AND TO WHICH USG DONATED LE 10 MILLION IN MARCH, 1974. IN JULY 1975, SHE WAS REELECTED MEMBER OF ASU CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND IN JUNE SHE LED THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY. MENTION SHOULD DEFINITELY BE MADE OF HER BROAD INTEREST IN EGYPTIAN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES; SOME EGYPTIANS CLOSE TO HER EVEN SUGGEST THAT SHE RULES THE ROOST. SHE IS WORKING HARD ON HER BA DEGREE AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY, AND RANKED NEAR TOP OF CLASS AFTER EXAMS LAST JUNE.

C. MR. HASAN MAR'I AND HIS WIFE NUHA, DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT. HASAN MAR'I, SON OF SADAT'S LONG TIME CLOSE ADVISOR SAYYID MAR'I (CURRENTLY SPEAKER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY) IS ENGINEER WORKING FOR PRIVATE COMPANY IN CAIRO. NUHA, BORN 1958, GRADUATED FROM ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN CAIRO. THEY MARRIED IN JULY 1974. BOTH SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH.

D. MR. ABDAL-KHALIQ ABD AL-SHAFFAR AND HIS WIFE LUBNA, DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. SADAT. ABDAL-KHALIQ IS NEPHEW OF MAHMUD ABD AL-GHAFFAR, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO MADRID WHO WAS RECENTLY KIDNAPPED BY PALESTINIANS AND WHO UNTIL THIS SUMMER SERVED AS SENIOR MFA UNDERSECRETARY WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR US AFFAIRS. AN ARCHITECT, ABDAL-KHALIQ IS GRADUATE OF CAIRO UNIV. ENGINEERING SCHOOL. LUBNA, 19, STUDIES ARTS AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY. COUPLE WERE MARRIED IN JANUARY 1974.

E. GAMAL AL-SADAT PRESIDENT'S 18 YEAR OLD SON IS ENGINEERING STUDENT AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY.

F. JIHAN (NANA) AL-SADAT. YOUNGEST OF SADAT CHILDREN, SHE IS 14 YEARS OLD. PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD MET HER AT SALZBURG. SHE IS VIVACIOUS, A BIT SPOILED AND HER FATHER'S PET.

G. VP HUSNI MUBARAK, ADDRESSED AS MR. VICE PRESIDENT. BIO DATA TRANSMITTED IN CAIRO A-143 OF AUGUST 25, 1975, SUPPLEMENTS INR'S BIO SHEET OF JUNE 6, 1975.

H. ISMAIL FAHMY, ADDRESSED AS MR. MINISTER OR YOUR EXCELLENCY. INR BIO SHEET OF JUNE 9, 1975, IS VERY GOOD. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT BOTH FAHMY'S INTELLECTUAL AND PERSONAL VANITY DESERVES A
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MENTION AS DOES HIS CONSIDERABLE WORRY THAT SINAI II WAS POOR AGREEMENT FROM EGYPT'S POINT OF VIEW, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT HAS EXPOSED EGYPT AND PRESIDENT SADAT TO STORM OF ARAB CRITICISM, A FACTOR WHICH HE BELIEVES USG DOES NOT FULLY APPRECIATE OR UNDERSTAND. SADAT RELIES VERY HEAVILY UPON FAHMY TO HANDLE CURRENT SYRIAN, SOVIET AND PALESTINIAN ATTACKS ON DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. FAHMY IS PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT HIS OWN AND PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL SAFETY IN US.

I. MRS. AFAF FAHMY, ADDRESSED AS MRS. FAHMY. INR'S BIO SHEET OF MAY 30, 1974 IS FINE.

J. ASHRAF MARWAN, ADDRESSED AS DR. MARWAN. FOLLOWING ARE OUR EMENDATIONS TO INR'S BIO SHEET DATED MAY 14, 1975. SENTENCE READING "MARWAN'S POSITION IS ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS IN US" SHOULD BE DELETED. MARWAN IS SENIOR STAFF AIDE WHO CARRIES OUT SPECIAL MISSIONS OUTSIDE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, ESPECIALLY IN ARAB WORLD AND IRAN. HE HAS INFORMAL AND CONSTANT ACCESS TO THE PRESIDENT AND HAS RECENTLY BECOME PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HIS NEW AND POTENTIALLY LUCRATIVE POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF ARAB MILITARY INDUSTRIES ORGANIZATION. HE HAS NEVER FORMALLY HEADED PRESIDENCY OFFICE, BUT HAS FREQUENTLY SOUGHT TO ASSERT HIS AUTHORITY OVER ITS FUNCTIONING. HIS OWN SMALL STAFF HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT OFFICE WITHIN PRESIDENCY BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT VP MUBARAK, RECENTLY APPOINTED TO HEAD PRESIDENCY, WILL SEEK TO BRING MARWAN'S OFFICE UNDER HIS BUREAUCRATIC DIRECTION. MOST SIGNIFICANT OF ALL, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF MARWAN'S PROCLIVITY TO TAKE LARGE COMMISSIONS ON PROFITABLE BUSINESS DEALS ARRANGED THROUGH GOE, MAY HAVE DECIDED GRADUALLY TO EASE HIM OUT OF PRESIDENCY.

K. HASAN KAMIL, ADDRESSED AS MR. AMBASSADOR. HE SPELLS HIS NAME HASSAN KAMEL. BIO SHEET OF MAY 14, 1975 STILL STANDS.

L. AHMAN FU'AD TAYMUR, ADDRESSED AS MR. TAYMUR. BIO ON FU'AD TAYMUR WAS SUBMITTED IN CAIRO 5233 OF MAY 25, 1975. HE IS A DELIGHTFUL GENTLEMAN IN EVERY SENSE, BUT HIS COAT OF ARMS SHOULD BE CROSSED QUILL PENS AGAINST BACKGROUND OF BUREAUCRATIC GREY. HE CAN BE COUNTED UPON NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE ANY QUICK ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS. DEPT SHOULD LOOK TO HASAN KAMIL
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ON ALL PROTOCOL MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE QUICK SOLUTIONS.

M. TAHSIN BASHIR, ADDRESSED AS MR. AMBASSADOR. INR'S BIO SHEET OF MAY 16, 1975 STILL STANDS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TAHSIN HAS DONE A STERLING JOB AS PRESIDENT'S SPOKESMAN. HE REMAINS CLOSE TO FAHMY AND WILL NO DOUBT ACT AS PRESS LIAISON NOT ONLY FOR SADAT BUT ALSO FOR FONMIN, VP MUBARAK AND THE REST OF THE CREW.

N. ASHRAF GHORBAL, ADDRESSED AS MR. AMBASSADOR. INR'S BIO SHEET OF MAY 14, 1975 SUFFICES, THOUGH IT SHOULD PERHAPS BE NOTED THAT FAHMY SEES GHORBAL AS A COMPETITOR FOR HIS JOB. CONSEQUENTLY, GHORBAL SUFFERS FROM DEARTH OF HARD INFORMATION FROM HIS HEAD OFFICE.

O. LT. GEN. MUHAMMAD SA'ID AL-MAHI, ADDRESSED AS GENERAL

MAHI. GRAND ADJUTANT AND SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP TO SADAT SINCE 1974. A GRADUATE OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY ACADEMY, HE HAS SPENT A LIFETIME IN THE ARMY. REPORTEDLY, HE WAS CHOSEN FOR JOB PERSONALLY BY PRESIDENT WHO HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIS PERFORMANCE AS ARTILLERY COMMANDER DURING OCTOBER WAR. HE IS REGARDED AS TOP ARTILLERY EXPERT IN EGYPTIAN ARMY. HE IS A QUIET MAN WHO WORKS HARD. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND WE HAVE FOUND HIM PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AND EASY TO GET ALONG WITH.

P. FAWZI' ABD AL-HAFIZ, ADDRESSED AS MR. 'ABD AL-HAFIZ. A MAN IN HIS MID-SIXTIES, 'ABD AL-HAFIZ IS A BOYHOOD FRIEND OF PRESIDENT SADAT WITH WHOM HE ENJOYS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND FOR WHOM HE EXERCISES FUNCTIONS OF PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY. ORIGINALLY A SECURITY OFFICER AND BODYGUARD, HE IS AN EXPERT AT SELF-EFFACEMENT. HE HAS VISITED THE STATES BEFORE, SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, AND IS FRIENDLY FELLOW.

Q. SALIM RIZQALLAH, ADDRESSED AS MR. ROZQALLAH. RIZQALLAH IS AN UNDERSECRETARY IN MINPET BUT IF HE ACCOMPANIES PRESIDENT, WILL DO SO IN HIS OTHER CAPACITY AS OFFICIAL INTERPRETER. OBVIOUSLY, HIS ENGLISH IS SUPERB. BORN 1926 IN ALEXANDRIA HE HAS WORKED AT RADIO CAIRO. HE DID TRANSLATION DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT.

R. MUSTAFA AZIZ, ADDRESSED AS GENERAL AZIZ. A MAN IN HIS FIFTIES, BORN IN ZAGAZIG, HIS CAREER HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO
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POLICE SECURITY. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR NASSER'S SECURITY AS HE IS FOR SADAT'S. CONSIDERED EFFICIENT AND EVEN IMPRESSIVE IN HIS POST AS HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY, ASIZ SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND HAS VISITED THE US IN PAST.

S. DR. MUHAMMAD ATTIYA. PRESIDENT SADAT'S CARDIOLOGIST, HE WAS BORN IN EGYPT IN 1922 AND OBTAINED HIS MD IN 1950 FROM CAIRO UNIVERSITY. IN 1967 HE RECEIVED F.I.C.A. IN NEW YORK AND HAS DONE POST GRADUATE WORK IN 1972 AT WASHINGTON HEART ASSOCIATION. HE STUDIED AT LONDON INSTITUTE OF CARDIOLOGY IN 1952 AND WAS CHIEF MEDICAL RESIDENT IN QUINCY CITY HOSPITAL, MASS., IN 1954. PRESENTLY, HE IS SENIOR PROFESSOR IN CARDIOLOGY AT AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO.
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